

Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, 40 Days for Life
Feb 10 Kick-off Rally

Tuesday, CFLI Board Meeting
Feb 12 (monthly)

Wednesday, 40 Days for Life
Feb 13 7am-7pm until Mar 24

Monday, Melissa Ohden
Feb 18 CEO Event

Thank You

We thank everyone who participates in our activities and we plan to increase the number of activities in the year ahead.

The pro-life movement depends on the drive in people to volunteer to do what is right. The pro-abortion side has businesses that profit from abortion. In doing so, the supporters of abortion are funded well, and work full-time jobs aimed at promoting their cause.

It takes each of us, including you to achieve change. Inaction perpetuates the killing of millions of innocent children. Your actions help. We want to make you and others even more effective at the great things you do.

- Coalition for Life of Iowa Board of Directors



Another Planned Parenthood Closing

Where is this one?

Case Dismissed



The judge in the lawsuit Sue Thayer brought against Planned Parenthood of the Heartland dismissed the case. The case alleged fraud in amounts that if it had continued, Planned Parenthood could have owed up to \$5.5 billion.

For years, Planned Parenthood bragged about how they stood up to the government to

protect information about their clients. In this case, they demanded the release of such information. Doing so seems like it would violate Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) laws.

So the abortion provider became immune from law-abiding whistle blowers. It seems that

only criminals might have a valid case against them.

Editor's Note: Claims made by clients and physical evidence they provided give me reason to believe the claims in the case and treat them as fact.

Respecting Human Life

By Marty Lammers

As I reflect on the massacre in Newtown, CT, I see several items of importance. The crime that was committed—the armed murder of more than 20 children and several adults—was unthinkable to virtually everyone's way of

thinking. The call to ban guns has received much press in the United States. In China, on the same day, a man took a machete and killed more than 20 small children, also in their classroom.

The problem is a failure to respect the human life, which God has bestowed

upon each of us. Over three thousand five hundred children died from legal abortions in the US that same day. Where was the outrage? We, in this country, no longer view all human life as a gift from God for which we each have a responsibility.



Spring Campaign

Feb 13 – Mar 24

We don't believe any child should die from abortion, nor should any women feel they have no other options. We've seen great things happen when many people band together to accomplish a common goal. And when people appeal to God, all things are possible.

We accomplish these great things in such a simple way – **we pray** on the sidewalks outside the local Planned Parenthood abortion facility. While there, many people hold respectful, life-affirming signs to offer hope and alternatives.

In our first year on the sidewalk, the number of abortions performed on women living in Linn County dropped a whopping 16 percent! That's not trivial.

But we can do even more with your help. We can help you get started. We try to ensure that everyone is comfortable and understands what we do and how we do it. With such large numbers of participants, we break up the personal commitments into one-hour time slots. Most participants enjoy it so much, they fill the same time slot each week! Some people fill several slots per week.

Will you join us?

Join us at the 40 Days for Life Kick-off Rally on the sidewalks outside Planned Parenthood on Sunday, February 10th at 2pm. If you haven't joined us in the past, you can come and learn what 40 Days for Life is all about. We encourage you to bring friends so they can take part in one of the

most effective ways to lower abortion rates.

40 Days for Life brings together people for 40 days to pray and fast for an end to abortion. The most visible part of 40 Days for Life is the constant vigil outside abortion facilities, such as the local Planned Parenthood. We want to reach as many people as we can.

Imagine what would happen if we covered more time slots. Imagine if we drew more people into taking a stand for preborn children and against abortion.

In recent history, Linn County had at least one abortion per day. During our first year on the sidewalks, the number has dropped just below one per day.

Planned Parenthood Closing in Tulsa



Okay, so you're wondering why we're reporting news about a facility in Oklahoma, right? Well, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, which operates the local facility, also acquired the facilities in the Eastern part of Oklahoma in recent years.

In the state of Oklahoma, the state government ended its Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) contracts with Planned Parenthood. The state officials indicated that Planned Parenthood had low caseloads and high cost per participant. There was also a lack of response to questions from the health department regarding administration of the program.

The high costs per client and low quality were

identified from other perspectives in our newsletter back in June of 2012. The low quality was part of why Komen sought to stop providing grants, prior to caving to extreme pressure. A magazine that studied Planned Parenthood's own public reports identified the high costs.

Although Planned Parenthood makes massive profits each year, they depend heavily upon government funding. When that funding is removed, it reveals an organization that does not have enough public support to sustain their vast number of facilities.

As usual, Planned Parenthood drug things through the court system to demand that the government fund their organization, despite the reasons given by state agencies. The federal judge ruled in favor of the state.

The facility will close February 1st, 2013. More effective clinics in the area

should easily absorb the additional clients. WIC uses federal funds to provide food vouchers to low-income pregnant women, women who have recently given birth, and infants and children under age 5.

As more government officials, business leaders, organizations, and donors discover what Planned Parenthood is about and the results of their work, we should expect a drop in their funding. Yet, they keep drawing in record income.

Before the announcement of the closing, some people anticipated the closure of as many as three locations in the Tulsa area. We will keep an eye on whether the others survive or also close in the months ahead.



Pro-Life Challenge



Attend Melissa Ohden's Talk

Come listen to Melissa Ohden's talk. Rarely do we get to hear from survivors of abortion. Many women survive having an abortion. But few people survive being aborted.



Invite Friends & Family to the Talk

Invite your friends and family to attend Melissa's talk.

Survived Being Aborted

We hope you've saved the date. Melissa Ohden will tell her unique testimony of having been aborted in Iowa and surviving.

Although many women survive having abortions performed on their children,

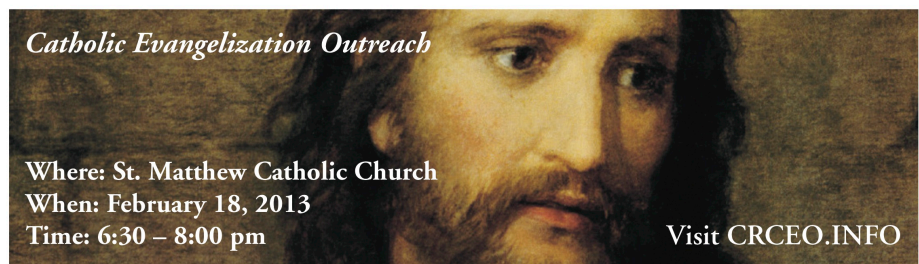
rarely do we hear from those who were aborted. Most of them die and are silenced.

Melissa brings a voice to the voiceless. She speaks out against abortion, having a perspective few people have.



Abortion Attempt Survivor "Voice for the Voiceless"

Melissa Ohden is the survivor of a failed saline infusion abortion in 1977. Come hear Melissa share her witness talk. There is no charge and all are welcome. Daycare will be provided.



Where: St. Matthew Catholic Church
When: February 18, 2013
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

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